The Daily Courant.

Monday, April 22. 1706.

From the Paris Gazette, dated April 17.

Madrid, April 2.

LETTERS from the Army adviſe, that the 23d of laſt *Month* the Bridge on the Segra was finiſh'd, and that all the Troops paſs'd that River, to enter Catalonia. Several Advices from Barcelona aſſure us there are but few regular Troops in that Town, and ſome ſay there are but about 1000 Forreigners in it, the reſt being new Levies, moſt of which have been rais'd with great Difficulty, ſo that the 2 Regiments of the Deputation and of the City are not compleat. This is the eaſier believ'd, becauſe the Count de Zevalla went Poſt to Valencia, to preſs my Lord Peterborough to return to Barcelona with as many Troops as he could poſſibly. The Count de Cardona who commands in Valencia oppos'd it ſtrenuouſly, fearing he ſhould not be able to maintain himſelf without the Aſſiſtance of forreign Troops. The Earl of Peterborough has contented himſelf with ſending 300 Horſes into Catalonia, but without Saddles or Bridles. The Count de las Torres is encamp'd at Alcudia and Carlet, and has his Proviſions and Neceſſaries from Caſtile, there being a very great Scarcity in the Kingdom of Valencia.

Paris, April 17. A Courier that arriv'd from Catalonia the 14th of this Month, brought the following News. The Troops from Rouſillon having all paſs'd the Ter the 27th and 28th of laſt *Month*, drew together the 29th in the Plain of Calonges near Palamos. The ſame Day the Army march'd to paſs the Defilez of the Val d'Aro, which were guarded by 1200 Foot, and ſome Horſe of the Garriſon of Girone. Thoſe Troops fled at the Approach of 2 Columns of the Vanguard, the one commanded by the Duke de Noailles Major-General, and the other by *M.* Redding, and the Army encamp'd at Aro. The 30th M. de Legal encamp'd at Maſſaner, having left the Duke de Noailles at Vidrerez with 9 Battallions and 1 Regiments of Dragoons, to cover the March of the Baggage. The 31ſt the whole Army encamp'd at San Saloni, the 1ſt of this Month at la Rogue, and the 2d within Cannon-ſhot of Barcelona. The 3d they march'd agen to meet the King of Spain the Vanguard met him in the Plain between Montjouy and the River Llobregat; ſo they return'd and encamp'd before Barcelona. The ſame Day an Attack was made upon ſome Houſes ſituate at the Foot of the Hill of Montjouy, from which Houſes the Enemy might have annoy'd the Camp. The Enemy were driven out of them, and the Troops detach'd for that Service purſued them ſo vigorouſly, that being ſupported by a Brigade of Foot, they poſſeſs'd themſelves of the Poſt of the Capuchins of Montjouy, and lodg'd themſelves there. The Count de Toulouſe arriv'd at Barcelona the 1ſt of this Month, and the 3d and 4th Men were ſet to work to land the Proviſions and Ammunition; but the Sea ran ſo high, that the Shallops could not come to the Shore. Thereupon, the Marſhal de Theſſe reſolv'd to attack the great Tower ſituate at the Mouth of the Llobregat, that the ſaid Proviſions and Ammunition might be commodiouſly brought up into that River and ſo landed. 500 Men with 10 Pieces of Cannon were commanded upon this Attack; and the Diſpoſitions for it were hardly ready, when the Garriſon being ſummon'd ſurrendred upon no other Condition, than that their Lives ſhould be ſpar'd. It was compos'd of a Lieutenant and 25 Men of different Nations, and a great Quantity of Ammunition and Proviſions, with 4 Twenty four Pounders, were found in it: We are inform'd there are but few regular Troops in the Town, and Deſerters affirm that the Archduke is in it, tho' there is ſome Reaſon to doubt it, becauſe the Count de Cifuentes who arriv'd there the 31ſt *ult.* with 300 Horſe, march'd out agen the 2d *Inſt.* with thoſe Horſe, and may have taken that Prince with him.

From the Paris Gazette, dated April 24.

Madrid, April 9. Letters from the King's Army adviſe, that they were to joyn the Troops that came from Rouſillon between Ygualada and Martorel, whither the Duke de Noailles was to advance with Part of the Vanguard; that the City of Barcelona was inveſted, and that it would be attack'd in Form without Loſs of Time. Deſerters from Lerida report, that Prince Henry George of Darmſtad was march'd from thence with ſome Troops for Tortoſa or Taragona. We are inform'd by Letters from Badajox of the 25th of laſt Month, that that Day at 3 in the Afternoon the Enemy approach'd within 2 Leagues of that Place, and poſted their Right at Yelves and their Left at Campo Mayor. An Hour after, they ſent a Detachment towards Montijo, with what Deſign was not known. The Duke of Berwick who was arriv'd at Merida, after having conferr'd at Lobon with the Count d' Aguilar and the Marquis de Bay, advanc'd towards Montijo with the Troops he commands; but the Enemy would not engage in any Acteon. They have ſince made a Motion to march towards Alcantara: Which makes it believ'd, that they being inform'd there were 5000 Men in Badajox, and that the Regiments of Santa Cruz and Quinnones, which were in the Neighbourhood, could eaſily throw themſelves into it, laid aſide their firſt Deſign, and reſolv'd to attack Alcantara. The Duke of Berwick has put Men into ſeveral Poſts about it, and ſome Battallions into the Place it ſelf. A Trumpet ſent by the Count de las Torres to Valencia, reported at his Return that the Earl of Peterborough had given out, that the Engliſh and Dutch Flee would ſpeedily arrive with conſiderable Succours, and that it was the Talk of the Town that 2 Ships were come with 600 Men. The Marquis de Mirabel perſiſting to refuſe to take upon him the Government of Valencia, my Lord Peterborough had threaten'd to ſend him Priſoner to Barcelona. The Rebels, in Number 1400 Men, have attack'd Conflentes; but the Garriſon conſiſting of 50 reform'd Officers and 100 Militia, repuls'd them with ſo great Vigour, that they were oblig'd to retire after they had loſt 50 Men.

Paris, April 24. A Courier that arriv'd the 16th and came from the Camp before Barcelona the 9th of this *Month*, reports, that the Trenches were open'd the Night between the 6th and 7th againſt Fort Montjouy: That a Battery of 6 Mortars was already rais'd; that 3 of thoſe *Mortars* began to play the 8th; and that Batteries of Cannon were raiſing. The 7th the Beſieged made a Sally without any Succeſs, being immediately repuls'd with Loſs. The ſame Day, and the 8th, the Miquelets of the Country came and attack'd a Quarter of the Camp; but were receiv'd in ſuch a Manner, that they were forc'd to retire to the Hills. 'Tis written that on theſe Occaſions the Rebels loſt 8 or 900 Men. Deſerters agree, that the Archduke is in the Place, and that the Garriſon conſiſts of 9 Battallions of between 250 and 300 Men each, and of 800 Horſe.

From

From the Antwerp Courant, dated April 23.

Paris, April 19. A Courier that left the Camp before Barcelona the 9th Instant, has brought an Account, that the 8th the Besieged having made several Signals, (which 'tis suppos'd had been concerted between them and the Miquelets of the open Country,) the said Miquelets came down from the Hills about Noon and fell with great Resolution upon one of our Quarters. The Fight was sharp, and lasted half an Hour, when the Miquelets were intirely defeated and put to Flight, leaving behind them 900 Men kill'd, and 300 Prisoners most of which were wounded. The Garrison made a vigorous Sally at the same time, but were repuls'd, about 300 of them being kill'd, and the rest being pursued to the Pallisadoes. In both these Actions we had about 150 Men kill'd or wounded. The Count de Cifuentes, who march'd out of the Place the 2d Instant, promis'd the Garrison (as all the Deserters agree,) that in conjunction with the Miquelets he would annoy our Camp in such a Manner that we should not be able to push on the Siege; but sufficient Precaution is taken to frustrate his Design. The Count de Toulouze lies with 30 *Men* of War before Barcelona, but the Galleys have not yet joyn'd him.

From the Antwerp Courant, dated April 27.

Paris, April 23. By a Courier from the Duke of Berwick, that left him the 9th Instant in the Neighbourhood of Alcantara, we have Intelligence, that that Prince having been oblig'd to put most of his Foot into the Towns to strengthen the Garrisons, posted himself with his Horse by a Wood, and fell upon the Rear-guard of the Portuguese Army, which he broke and put into Confusion, killing or wounding 700 Soldiers and several Officers, one of the slain being a Portuguese General whose Loss was much lamented by his Countrymen. This Action cost us but 40 Men of the Spanish Horse, which acquitted themselves bravely, especially the Count d'Aguilar who commanded them. Yesterday the King receiv'd an Express at *Marli*; which left the Camp before Barcelona the 15th, and brought an Account, that the 11th the Enemy made a very strong Sally, and in the Beginning of the Action took one of our Colours, but were driven in agen after above 600 of them were kill'd and the Colours retaken: The 13th a Battery of 12 heavy Cannon began to play against Fort Montjuich, and several other Batteries rais'd against the City were to be ready the 15th, to fire burning Bullets: The 14th the Trenches were carried on to the Foot of the Glacis, and that Day some Persons took a View of the Counterscarp, and found no Watch there. This Courier adds, that it was hop'd things would be in a Readiness for making an Assault the 17th or 18th: He has brought a Lift, which makes the Number of the King of Spain's Forces before Barcelona to be 27000 effective Men, besides 4000 which the Count de Toulouse put ashore.

The French being sensible Men would naturally argue even from the Paris Accounts, that seeing the Count de Cifuentes pass'd in and out of Barcelona without Molestation after the Duke of Anjou was come in sight of the Place, King Charles the 3d's stay in it (which was contrary to the Enemy's Expectation) is voluntary, and by Consequence a plain Proof of his Opinion that the Place is able to make a long Defence; would fain put upon us that he is detain'd there against his Will. Thus the last mention'd Article from Paris of April 23 in the Antwerp Courant, tells us 'the Archduke would have retir'd out of the City, but the Inhabitants would not let him. But the vigorous Sallys the Besieged have made and the Actions of the Miquelets in concert with them, shew King Charles has taken such just Measures for defending the Place, that he has Reason to think himself very safe in it.

From the Antwerp Courant, dated April 13.

Toulon, March 29. The 23d Instant return'd hither the Ruby of 54 Guns, which sail'd from hence with the Count de Toulouse's Squadron, but was damag'd in a Storm of Wind. The next Day came in the Diamond of 60 Guns, which had also receiv'd great Damage by that Storm. These 2 Ships Companies with the Stores of Ammunition and Victuals were immediately put on board the Phenix of 80 Guns and the Victorious of 88, which 2 Ships sail'd from hence yesterday for Barcelona in Company of 4 others, viz. le Coupable, le Piste, le Prince, and l'Ambitieux, of 60 Guns each. A 2d great Convoy for the Count de Toulouse is getting ready here. 9 Men of War that are fitted out here, will put to Sea in 6 or 7 Days.

Besides the 2 *Men* of War mention'd in this Article from Toulon to have been so much damag'd by the Storm that the Count de Toulouse had in his Voyage to the Coast of Catalonia, the Paris Letter of April 16. mentions 2 others of his Squadron, viz. the Intrepide and the Fleuron which were likewise sent back to Toulon, being render'd unserviceable by that Storm.

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Dunkirk, April 13. Besides 9 Ships of War that are fitting out here with all Expedition to be commanded by the Chevalier de Forbin, 6 of the largest Frigates are equipping likewise. 'Tis said this Squadron, which is to be ready by the Beginning of next Month, is to joyn 12 *Men* of War that are fitting out at Brest and to proceed with them to Cadix.

Hague, April 27. 'Letters from Madrid of the 9th 'Instant tell us, that the 29th of last Month a Squa-'dron of English and Dutch Men of War appear'd 'off Cadix standing for the Streights. Letters from 'Paris of the 22d say an Express that left the Camp 'before Barcelona the 14th had brought an Account, 'that the Besieged had made a vigorous Sally and 'level'd the Works of the Besiegers; and that on 'the 14th Sir John Leake with his Squadron was 'seen on the Coast of Catalonia. Letters from 'good Hands that arriv'd this Morning from Brus-'sels advise, that the Elector of Bavaria had re-'ceiv'd Intelligence by an Express, that there had 'been an Engagement between Sir John Leake's 'Squadron and the Count de Toulouse's, and that 'the latter was intirely defeated. They add, that 'to conceal or lessen this Disaster, the Court of 'France had given out that Fort *Montjuich* was 'taken.

Hague, April 27. N. S. On Friday last the 23d Instant, about 8 in the Evening, my Lord Duke of Marlborough embark'd on board the Peregrine Galley at Greenwich, with Monsieur Buys Envoy Extraordinary from the States General, and the next Morning joyn'd the Squadron of 12 *Men* of War under the Command of Sir Edward Whitaker at the Gunfleet; from whence his Grace sail'd about Noon, together with 3 other Yachts, having on board my Lord Hallifax, who is going to the Court of Hanover, Monsieur Pless the King of Denmark's Minister, and the English General Officers. They landed on Sunday at Rotterdam, and his Grace came hither the same Night. Yesterday he receiv'd the Compliments of the Publick Ministers and other Persons of Quality residing here, on his happy Arrival. The Squadron which attended his Grace, assoon as they saw the Yachts into the Maese, sail'd back; and are appointed to lye off of Dunkirk. The Deputies of the States General, have been this Morning in Conference with his Grace, upon the necessary Measures to be taken for opening the Campaign.

London, April 22.

To *Morrow* his Excellency Signior Francesco Cornaro, Ambassador of the Republick of Venice, will make his publick Entry through this City, with great Magnificence.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, to Morrow being Tuesday, the 23d of April, will be presented an Opera, call'd, Camilla, by Subscription. None to be admitted into the Boxes or Pit but by the Subscribers Tickets. First Gallery 4 s. 6 d. upper Gallery 2 s. 6 d.

Whereas it was adverris'd in Saturday's Courant that the Comedy of Squire Trelooby would be Acted this present Monday at the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, and Mr. Bowen (for whose Benefit it was to have been acted) gave out Tickets accordingly. This is to give Notice, that at the Desire of several Persons of Quality, the Acting of that Play is deferr'd to a further Time; and that the said Tickets will stand good for the first Play that shall be acted for Mr. Bowen's Benefit; of which he will give timely Notice.

Lost on Friday last a Gold Watch with a New-fashion'd Chain double gilt with Gold, on the Road between Abingdon and London, Whoever brings it to Mr. Nicholls a Goldsmith without Temple-Bar shall have 3 Guineas Reward.

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